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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA,  
THE HON. DON DUNSTAN. Q.C.. M.P..  
FOR "THE SOUTHERN CROSS" ON THE OCCASION OF  
ITS CENTENARY.

It is 100 years since The Southern Cross was first published as the official organ of the Catholic Church in South Australia and since the Catholic Press was born in this State.

During that time the paper has become a leader in many fields. Not only has it acquired the largest circulation of any religious newspaper in this State, but it has shown the way in the technical field. It was, for example, the first newspaper in this State to adopt web off-set printing and as modern a layout as any newspaper in Australia.

More importantly, however, The Southern Cross is today a highly respected and effective voice on social questions and matters which are rightly the concern of all christians and community-minded South Australians - not only the Catholic citizens of this State. Accordingly, it is widely read each week by people like myself who are not Catholics but who respect the attitudes on vital issues expressed in the paper.

I congratulate The Southern Cross on its first hundred years of achievement and wish it continued success in its performance of an important and necessary community function.

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